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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Senior level health information technology (HIT) consultant. Multi-facility Chief Information Officer with extensive experience in organizational IT strategic and budget planning, policy development, and oversight and administration of HIT environments. National expert on meaningful use of HIT and related issues. Strong background in electronic medical record implementation, project management, and HIT-related research and grant administration. Provide technology vision and leadership for developing and implementing health care related IT initiatives.

EMPLOYMENT/ROLES

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC)   2005-Present

Director of Health Information Technology – RWHC
Sauk City, WI

Hospital-focused HIT Consulting
- Developed and provided a meaningful use gap assessment, financial assessment, attestation, strategic planning, vendor selection, and other HIT consulting services to over 40 Wisconsin hospitals
- Developed WHITEC security and quality assessment services, and oversee personnel providing these services
- Developed information exchange-related, Stage 2 Meaningful Use, and other emerging services
- Participate in hospital board level activities.
- Collect, analyze, and present state and national HIT landscape data and case studies for benchmarking and educational purposes.
- Develop communication avenues/relationships with HIT system vendors, particularly those used by rural hospitals

Collaborative Initiative Development
- Serve as CIO/lead executive of ITN, a shared member-owned hospital information system organization, including facilitating Board meetings and overseeing staffing, management, product development, and business expansion.
- Initiate and grow collaborative health IT projects for RWHC/ITN and its members, with a focus on meaningful use.

Rural HIT Advocacy and Leadership
- Participate and present at state and national HIT conferences (NRHA, ORH, AHRQ, etc.).
- Represent RWHC and WHITEC on various state and national advisory committees and workgroups, such as the Wisconsin e-Health Initiative Information Exchange Workgroup, the Metastar DOQ-IT Advisory Committee, Flex Monitoring Expert Workgroup, and the Rural Health Resource Center Rural HIT committee.
- Prepare position briefs in support of rural healthcare organizations on issues related to HIT.
- Work with the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health and others to create and disseminate HIT information for the benefit of all Wisconsin hospitals.
- Provide expertise and a rural perspective on issues related to EHRs, HIPAA, Stark, RHIOs, pending rural HIT grant opportunities, etc.

COMMITTEES/PRESENTATIONS/GRANTS

- 2012 Member ONC Global Rural Health Community of Practice
- 2012 Member Wisconsin Broadband Community Sustainability Committee
- 2012 Presenter WHIMA, Overview of Meaningful Use Stage 2 Proposed Objectives
- 2011 Member WISHIN (Wisconsin ONC supported SDE for Statewide Information Exchange) Technical Advisory Committee
- 2010 Project Director WHITEC Rural Hospital REC Program
- 2010 Member WHITEC Steering Committee

- 2010 <u>Chair</u> Wisconsin WIRED Standards Workgroup
- 2010 <u>Member</u> Wisconsin WIRED Standards and Architecture Committee
- 2010 <u>Presenter</u> WORH, NOSORH, RHRC Meaningful Use Final Rule
- 2009 <u>Grant Writer/Project Coordinator</u> USDA DLT Loan/Grant for RWHC ITN Network Project
- 2009 <u>Project Coordinator/Faculty</u> National Rural Health Association Meaningful EHR Use Readiness Survey Project
- 2009 <u>Presenter</u> NRHA Critical Access Hospital Conference (Portland, OR), WHIMA Conference (Stevens Point WI), NOSORH Conference (Washington DC), and others
- 2008 <u>Member</u> Flex Monitoring Expert Workgroup
- 2008: <u>Presenter</u>, ICAHN Health Information Conference (Springfield, Il.), "FCC Pilot Program: Benefits and Challenges."
- 2008: <u>Presenter</u>, Wisconsin Hospital Association Rural Health Conference, "Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative Information Technology Network."
- 2007: <u>Grant Writer/Recipient and Principle Investigator</u>, HRSA CAHHIT Network Grant ($1.6 million over 18 months)
- 2007: <u>Grant Writer/Recipient and Project Coordinator</u>, FCC Rural Healthcare Pilot Program ($1.5 million over 3 years)
- 2007: <u>Presenter</u>, Wisconsin Hospital Association Rural Health Conference, "Health Information Technology, Planning and Funding Issues" and "Rural HIT Implementation Approaches."
- 2007: <u>Co-Chair</u>, Rural Underserved HIT Coalition
- 2006-07: <u>Member</u>, Wisconsin eHealth Initiative Data Exchange Workgroup
- 2006: <u>Presenter</u>, National Rural Health Association, "HIT: Funding Options and Resources"
- 2006: <u>Presenter</u>, Southern Office of Rural Health, "HIT: Rural Hospital Implementation Approaches."
- 2005: <u>Member</u>, DOQ-IT Advisory Committee—QIO physician practice EMR implementation support
- 2005: <u>Project Coordinator</u>, AHRQ THQIT "Developing Shared EHR Infrastructure in Wisconsin" Planning Grant—Data-exchange project
- 2004-2005: <u>Taskforce Leader</u>, Reedsburg Area Medical Center HIPAA Security Taskforce
- 2004: <u>Grant Writer/Recipient and Project Leader</u>: Alliance Provider Quality Investment Fund, for RAMC Medication Verification Barcoding Project
- 2004: <u>Presenter</u>, HFMA—Healthcare Financial Management Association, "A Decade of Clinical System Implementation at RAMC"
- 2003: <u>Grant Writer/Recipient and Project Leader</u>: Alliance Provider Quality Investment Fund, for RAMC Computerized Physician Order Entry Project

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- B.A. in History and Political Science, with Philosophy minor: Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- College of Healthcare Information Executives (CHIME) and HIMSS member

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH

- 2012: WHITEC Participant Meaningful Use Benchmarking Report (http://www.whitec.org/portals/0/documents/MU%20Benchmarking%20Report%202-14-12.pdf)
- 2009-12: Rural provider articles and resources (relating to meaningful use) for Wisconsin Office of Rural Health at http://www.worh.org/hit/
- 2006 and 2009: Density of HIT Adoption in Rural Wisconsin Hospitals (http://www.rwhc.com/Papers/Density.pdf)
- "The Birth of an IT Cooperative" Advance for Health Information Executives, July, 2009 Issue
- Quoted in Modern Healthcare, Health Leaders, Healthcare Informatics, Health Data Management, etc